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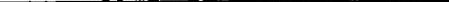
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| Application Number | 10/045,587 |
| Filing Date | November 6, 2001 |
| First Named Inventor | Kent RYHORCHUK et al. |
| Art Unit | 2638 |
| Examiner Name | David C. Payne |
| Attorney Docket Number | 10.0863.CIP |

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FEE TRANSMITTAL For FY 2005

Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27

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FEE CALCULATION
1. BASIC FILING, SEARCH, AND EXAMINATION FEES

| <u>Application Type</u> | <u>FILING FEES</u> | | <u>SEARCH FEES</u> | | <u>EXAMINATION FEES</u> | | |
|-------------------------|--------------------|---------------------|--------------------|---------------------|-------------------------|---------------------|-----------------------|
| | <u>Fee (\$)</u> | <u>Small Entity</u> | <u>Fee (\$)</u> | <u>Small Entity</u> | <u>Fee (\$)</u> | <u>Small Entity</u> | <u>Fees Paid (\$)</u> |
| Utility | 300 | 150 | 500 | 250 | 200 | 100 | _____ |
| Design | 200 | 100 | 100 | 50 | 130 | 65 | _____ |
| Plant | 200 | 100 | 300 | 150 | 160 | 80 | _____ |
| Reissue | 300 | 150 | 500 | 250 | 600 | 300 | _____ |
| Provisional | 200 | 100 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | _____ |

2. EXCESS CLAIM FEES
Fee Description

Each claim over 20 (including Reissues)

Small Entity
Fee (\$) 50 25

Each independent claim over 3 (including Reissues)

Fee (\$) 200 100

Multiple dependent claims

Fee (\$) 360 180

Total Claims
Extra Claims
Fee (\$)
Fee Paid (\$)
Multiple Dependent Claims
Fee (\$) _____

Fee Paid (\$) _____

- 20 or HP = _____ x _____ = _____

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Indep. Claims
Extra Claims
Fee (\$)
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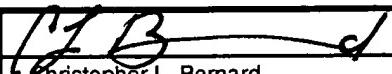
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Non-English Specification, \$130 fee (no small entity discount)

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